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WITH BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Dearing Family



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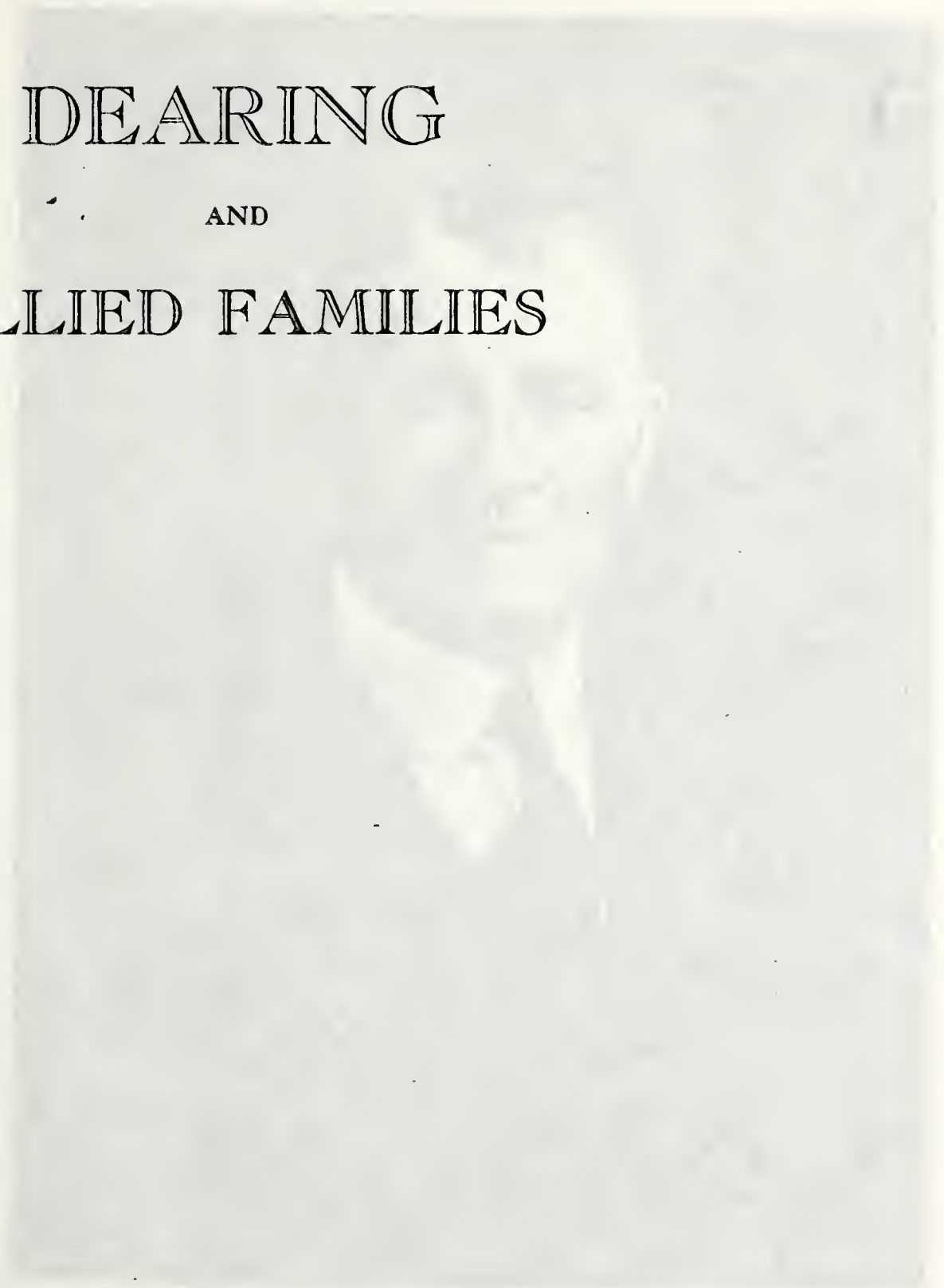
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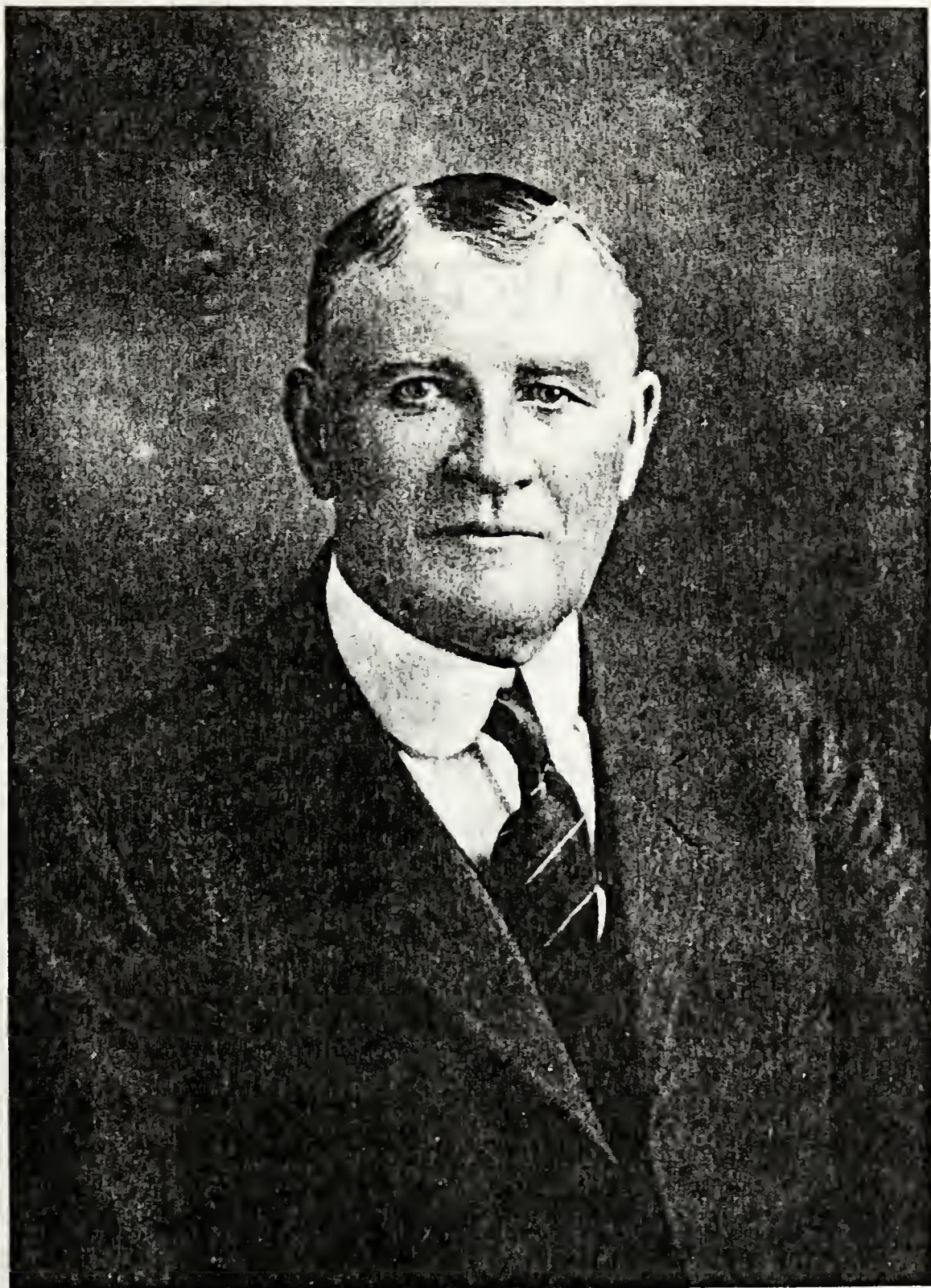
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In Memory of
Falkland H. Dearing
Whose Life Typified Fidelity
and Devotion to High Ideals
and Their Application to
Practical Affairs

This Volume, With Its Inspiring
Message of his Consecrated Life,
is Dedicated

By
His Wife
Mrs. Ada M. Dearing





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(Deering)



DEERING (DEARING) ARMS

Arms—Gules, three bucks' heads cabossed or.

(Burke: *Encyclopædia of Heraldry*.)

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DEARING, as a surname, is, like its variants, Dering and Deering, of baptismal origin, meaning "the son of Dering." In England, the family is of great antiquity, especially in County Kent. E. Hasted, in his *History and Topographical Survey of Kent*, mentions a Deringus de Morinis, whose baptismal name descended to his children as their surname in the twelfth century. But even prior to that there is mentioned in *Domesday Book* a Kentish tenant, named Derinc *filius* Sired. One of the leading English surname authorities, however, traces the name to the Anglo-Saxon *Deóring*, meaning Deóra's son, from the Old English *deóra*, beloved or dear, and the filial suffix *ing*.

(Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*. Lower: *Patronymica Britannica*. Harrison: *Surnames of the United Kingdom*, Vol. I.)

In this country the Dearing family was represented in early Colonial days both in Massachusetts and Virginia. In the latter State the family has been prominent since the seventeenth century. Its early representatives were large landholders, allied themselves by marriage with other prominent families and

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took their full share in the settlement and government of the Colony. Several of its members served in the Revolutionary War, while others, in more recent times, distinguished themselves through military service in the War Between the States. Though the connection between these Virginia Dearings and the several Dearing families who are now to be found in Kentucky and Missouri has not yet been definitely established, all indications seem to point towards the existence of such a connection, which some time may possibly be proved through court, land or family records, which have not yet come to light.

One of these early Virginia Dearings, who very possibly was an ancestor of the Missouri Dearings, was Edward Deering, "son of Robert Deering of Orange." He died in 1791. In 1782, he sold to Benjamin Johnson two hundred and seventy-four acres of land in Orange County, Virginia, "for six likely negroes about sixteen years of age," and other possessions, and then removed to Campbell County, Virginia.

He may have been a brother of the Robert Dearing, Jr., who is listed in the 1782 Census as being of Orange County, Virginia. This Robert Dearing, at about that time, bought land in Albemarle County, Virginia, consisting of one hundred and sixty-five acres on the spur of the Great Mountain. In 1790, Robert and Joan Dearing sold their land in St. Thomas Parish, Orange County, Virginia, and moved to Albemarle County. Several other Dearings are also mentioned in wills, deeds and marriage records of Orange County and of Culpeper County, which latter was formed from the former. But, though several of these, or some of their children, allied themselves by marriage with Virginia families who are known to have removed to Kentucky, none of them can at present be definitely connected with that branch of the Dearing family which settled in Kentucky and later in Missouri.

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Edward Deering died while deer hunting with a party of friends who had stopped to rest at a spring near old Shiloh Church which stood near Lynch Station; when the others started again, they missed Deering and, returning to their halting place, found that he had expired. His will, recorded at Rustburg, names his children, all of whom, except James, appear to have died early or left the county. His wife's name is not given.

Children, named in his will:

1. Rosamond White.
2. John.
3. James, born in Orange County, Virginia, in 1750, died in Campbell County, Virginia, in 1811. He served in the Revolution from Orange County as a private in 1777 and 1778. Family tradition says that he "rose to rank of captain"; records accepted by the Daughters of the American Revolution say that he "served as a private in Capt. Samuel Taylor's company, 2d Virginia Regiment, 1777, and in 1781, was promoted ensign." He married, between 1780 and 1785, Elizabeth Adams; children, named in his will, exact order of birth not known:
 - i. Nancy, died before 1811; married, in 1801, Jonathan White.
 - ii. Mildred, married, in 1803, John Guy.
 - iii. Sally, married, in 1809, Marston Clay.
 - iv. Elizabeth, married, in 1811, Stephen Clay.
 - v. Rosamond, born in 1794, died in 1836; married, in 1814, Howard Y. Bennett.
 - vi. General William Lynch S., born in 1790 or 1796, died in 1870; married (first), in 1817, Mary Terry Harrison; (second), in 1868, Mrs. Nellie McGregor. He served in

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the War of 1812, the war with Mexico in 1848, and "the Confederate war." He removed to Tennessee.

- vii. Margaret, married, in 1816, John Black.
 - viii. Colonel James Griffin, born in 1800, died April 22, 1865; married, in 1834, Mary Anna Lynch. He died while serving in the Confederate Army. He changed the spelling of his name to "Dearing."
 - ix. Mary, married Thomas Fauntleroy.
 - x. Susan, married Robert H. Ward, who in 1870 was appointed Judge of Campbell County Court.
- 4. Anthony.
 - 5. Robert.
 - 6. William.

(L. G. Tyler: *Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography*, Vol. V, pp. 961-62. P. A. Bruce: *History of Virginia*, Vol. V, p. 351. J. Savage: *Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. II, p. 33. *D. A. R. Lineage Books*, Nos. 102, 139, 145 (Nos. 101980, 138812, 144073). R. H. Early: *Campbell Chronicles and Family Sketches, Embracing the History of Campbell County, Virginia, 1782-1926*, pp. 397-99. *Orange County, Virginia, Census, 1782. Orange County, Virginia, Deeds*, Book XVI, p. 483; Book XIX, p. 477.)

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——— DEARING, earliest known ancestor of the Dearings of Washington County, Missouri, is believed to have been a resident of Virginia. His wife's name is not known. He had, according to information from a near-nonagenarian who married one of his descendants, the following children (exact order of birth not known):

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1. *William*, of whom further.
2. Frances, married, in Virginia, "about 1813," Elisha Warden; children (order of birth not known):
 - i. Elizabeth, "oldest daughter," married a Mr. Stephens.
 - ii. Mary, born in Virginia "in 1813."
 - iii. Cynthia, married Elisha Dearing.
 - iv. Anthony.
3. George, probably identical with the George Dearing who, in his will dated October 12, 1840, and proved in Allen County, Kentucky, in September, 1849, named his wife Martha, bequeathed to his daughter Mary Jane Dearing one hundred and twenty-five dollars "which I have given to my other married children," and to his son Mathew Neal Dearing one hundred and fifty dollars. The son's name suggests that his wife may have been a Neal and a relative of his brother William's wife.

The same George Dearing evidently appears in the following deeds:

19th day Dec., 1816.

Indenture between Aaron Turley and Rebecca his wife of Allen Co. Ky. 1 part and Geo. Dearing of county aforesaid Bounded etc., etc.

Indenture made 27th day of July 1820 between Ignatus Turley of state of Missouri and county of Washington one part and George Dearing of state of Ky and county of Allen. The said Ignatus Turley in consideration of \$618 to him by said George Dearing tract of land situated in Allen Co. on the West fork of Bery's' fork it being a tract containing 124 A. patented in the name of said Turley, composing of Elijah Key, adjoining a military survey of Wm. Rice by line and courses beginning at a sugar tree etc.

(Signed) IGNATUS X TURLEY
CASANDRA X TURLEY

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Where as Casandra Turley cannot conveniently come to court State of Mo. Washington Co. John Binkley and Henry Shroud who have acknowledged to the signature Nov. 8, 1827.

The following deeds indicate that he married in or before 1820:

Indenture Aug. 9, 1820 between George Dearing and his wife Martha and Drurey Burton.

Indenture Aug. 17, 1825, between George Dearing of 1 part and Wm. Dawson the other.

(Signed) GEORGE DEARING
MARTHA DEARING

Wit.

JOHNSON J. COCKRILL,
WALTER THOMAS.

Aug. 2, 1859.

Indenture between Mathew N. Dearing of Allen Co. Ky. and John Dearing and Elizabeth his wife of Franklin Co. Ill. Undevided interest in the estate of our father George Dearing dec. consisting of the lands patented to the said George Dearing our father from the common wealth of Ky. containing 100 A. the other tract of land by deed of Nace Turley containing 125 A. deed in clerks office book C. page 24.

Dec. 25, 1860.

For \$315. I Elizabeth Manley widow of Obediah Manley have sold unto Mathew N. Dearing my intrest in the landed estate of my father George Dearing \$500 paid to Mathew N. Dearing by James Mason, Dec. 25, 1859.

He is recorded in the 1820 and 1830 census as follows:

George Dearing, head of family,
2 males under 10,

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1 " between 26-45, (himself)
2 females under 10,
1 " between 26-45, (wife)

George Dearing, head of family,
one male aged under 5,
one " " between 10-15,
one " " " 40-50, (himself)
one female " under 5,
one " " between 10-15,
one " " " 15-20,
one " " " 40-50, (wife)

4. Elisha, married and died young. He is recorded in the 1820 and 1830 census as follows:

Elisha Dearing, head of family,
3 males under 10,
1 " between 10-16,
1 " " 16-18,
1 " " 26-45, (himself)
2 females under 10,
1 " between 10-16,
1 " " 26-45, (wife)

Elisha Dearing, who was listed in Allen County, Kentucky, in 1820, does not appear in 1830.

5. (Probably) Shelton.

Records found in Barren County, adjoining Allen County, both in Kentucky, though not fully copied, seem to support, and supplement, the foregoing, as follows:

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Elisha Dearing, with son Mathew Dearing. George T. Dearing with son Willis Dearing. A deed between George T. Dearing of Barren County and Walker Dearing of Woodford County; and one between Mary Walker and Walker Dearing. Also, in Allen County: George Dearing with son Mathew Neal Dearing. William Dearing the father of Addison Dearing has a son Willis Dearing, then Addison Dearing has a son Willis.

(Statement made in 1937 by William B. N. Williams, of near Scottsville, Missouri, signed by him and witnessed by Ona A. Willoughby and Mrs. Will Williams. *Allen County, Kentucky, Deeds*, Book B, p. 100; Book C, pp. 50, 388; Book D, p. 404; Book L, pp. 447, 505. *Allen County, Kentucky, Census*, 1820, pp. 94, 134; 1830, p. 49.)

II

WILLIAM DEARING, brother of Frances, George, Elisha and (probably) Shelton Dearing, "came from Virginia." He died a resident of Allen County, Kentucky, between February 8, 1854 and June, 1855. The following statement was made in 1937 by "Mr. Wm. Williams age almost 90":

Old Uncle Wm. Dearing the first old Wm. married Sarah Neal called Sally. Old Uncle William had a sister Frances Dearing married Elisha Warden. Wm. had a brother George. Also one Shelton I think—and one Elisha.

Children of old Uncle Billy: 1. Wm., who married Lucy Burton. 2. Willis, who married Katherine Burton. 3. Ad, went to Missouri. 4. Elizabeth, married Mortici Ham. 5. Sarah, married Green Braken.

Wm., Jr., went to Mo. on a visit to see his brother Ad.

The Dearings were peculiar nice.

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Fanny Dearing's daughter Mary born 1813 Va. her daughter Cynthia married her mother's brother who I think was named Elisha Dearing who died young.

Grandson Anthony Worden.

Wm Dearing came from Va.

Fanny Dearing Warden's oldest daughter Elizabeth Stephens moved to Dent Co., Mo., Salem. (Signed) W. B. N. WILLIAMS.

Witness: ONA A. WILLOUGHBY

MRS. WILL WILLIAMS.

The following items, found in the public records, are doubtless of William Dearing, who married Sarah Neal:

May 22, 1821.

Indenture between Wm. Dearing and Wm. Thomas a suit in chancery where Wm. Dearing is complainant and Richard Ellis, Wm. Ellis, and Evalina Ellis infant heirs of Johnson Ellis dec. are defendants commissioners for and the behalf of said heirs to convey unto the said Dearing a certain tract of land in Allen County Ky.

The same for Elisha Dearing.

Wm. Dearing sold land to Elisha Dearing 11 June 1821

(Signed) WILLIAM DEARING

SALLY X DEARING his wife.

Indenture made Feb. 11, 1822, between Elisha Dearing of Allen Co. and state of Ky. one part and Wm. Dearing of same. For \$350. a certain tract of land in Allen Co. on Walnut creek and bounded as follows—Beginning on a chestnut and gum tree the N. corner of said survey N. begining Annis run thence N. 50½ W. 133 poles to treble chestnut in the field belonging to the heirs of Ellis, thence N. 71 W. 106 poles

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to a white oak thence N. $13\frac{1}{2}$ E. $13\frac{1}{2}$ poles, to a large Spanish oak and two hickories on a line of Johnson I. Cockrill thence N. 45 E. 50 poles to two poplar trees and a chestnut then N. 13 W. $41\frac{1}{2}$ poles to three red oaks and poplar. Thence N. W. $45\frac{1}{2}$ poles to Wm. Craigs begining corner thence 45 E. 163 poles to the begining containing 212 A.

(Signed) ELISHA DEARING
HANNAH DEARING.

Wit. W. P. NEAL.

A history of Kentucky published in 1886 says that William and Sarah (Neal) Dearing were natives of Virginia and that their daughter, Elizabeth J. married, November 24, 1836, Rev. Mordeci F. Ham, who was born in Allen County, Kentucky, April 3, 1816.

William Dearing is recorded in several successive census records, 1820 to 1850, as follows:

William Dearing, head of family,
3 males under 10,
2 " between 10-16,
1 " " 26-45, (himself)
2 females under 10,
1 " between 10-16,
1 " " 26-45, (wife)

William Dearing, head of family,
one male aged between 5-10,
one " " " 10-15,
two " " " 20-30,
one " " " 40-50, (himself)

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two females aged between 5-10,
one " " " 10-15,
one " " " 15-20,
one " " " 40-50,
one female slave.

William and another William, probably father and son, appear in the 1840 census.

William Deering, farmer, aged 65, born *Virginia*.
(No family living with him, all probably having married and left his household.)

Wife appears to have died in the decade between 1840-50.

Following is an abstract of William Dearing's will:

Will of Wm. Dearing.

Feb. 8, 1854.

All property to be divided between his heirs except daughter Sarah Ann Braken, who has all I wish her to have. M. F. Ham exec.

Wit: C. F. Harvey and A. A. Harvey.

June term of Court, 1855.

Produced in open court by M. F. Ham for probate.

Wit: Alex A. Harvey and Chas. F. Ham.

William Dearing married Sarah ("Sally") Neal, who died in 1847.

Children, order of birth not known:

1. William, Jr., married Lucy Burton. The following is an abstract of what is evidently the will of this William:

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Will of William Dearing.

Dec. 12, 1896. Recorded Sept. 3, 1896.

Wife Lucy Dearing.

Emer K. Dearing my daughter.

William M. Dearing my son.

Willie and Anna Cane children of Kitty Cane, my daughter.

Test.: J. W. Ham, M. T. Ham, N. B. Ham.

A "direct descendant" was the wife of William B. N. Williams, born about 1847, who furnished important information regarding these Dearings, as stated above.

2. Willis, born in Allen County, Kentucky, in 1816, died in Warren County, Kentucky, in 1859; married Katherine Burton, born in Allen County, Kentucky, in 1816. In the settlement of the estate of Willis Dearing in Warren County, Kentucky, his wife "Catherine" is mentioned.
3. *Addison*, of whom further.
4. Elizabeth, married "Mortici" (probably Mordecai) Ham, a preacher. *The History of Kentucky* verified this in the statement that Mordici Ham married Elizabeth Dearing daughter of Wm. and Sarah Neal Dearing of Virginia.
5. Sarah Ann, mentioned in her father's will; married Green Braken.

(*Ibid. History of Kentucky*, published in 1886, p. 739. *Warren County, Kentucky, Records*, at Bowling Green, Kentucky. *Allen County, Kentucky, Wills*, Book E, p. 203, and one page with page number burned off. *Allen County, Kentucky, Deeds*, Book C, pp. 91, 123. *Allen County, Kentucky, Census*, 1820, p. 120; 1830, p. 62; 1840; 1850, p. 329.)

III

ADDISON DEARING, son of William and Sarah (Neal) Dearing, was remembered in 1937 by Mr. William B. N. Williams, who, calling him "Ad," said:

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"Ad went to Missouri," and said further: "William, Junior, went to Missouri on a visit to see his brother Ad."

The United States census records for Union Township, Washington County, Missouri, give his place of birth as Kentucky in 1850, but in 1860 give it as Virginia. He was born about 1810, his age being given as forty years in the census records of 1850. He died in October, 1860, and the following record referring to his estate is to be found at the courthouse at Potosi, Washington County, Missouri:

Settlement of the estate of Addison Dearing.

Jan. 3, 1861.

To the Honorable Court Washington County, Mo.

The undersigned widow of Addison Dearing dec. Her family consisting of nine members dependent and residing with her pray for \$53.00 from said estate.

(Signed) REBECCA X DEARING.

According to one account, Addison Dearing spent his boyhood days in Allen County, Kentucky, and from there went to Washington County, Missouri, about 1824. There he is said to have followed the occupations of farming and mining.

Addison Dearing married (first), November 25, 1830, Elizabeth, or, as she is called in the marriage record, Betsy Preston. The marriage was performed by John Tremble, "a justice of the Peace with in and for" Washington County, Missouri, and in the marriage record both bride and groom are called "of lawful age and of this county." The marriage certificate was filed and recorded at the Washington County Court House at Potosi, Missouri, March 14, 1831. Betsy (Preston) Dearing apparently died between 1840 and 1845, for she is listed as

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Addison Dearing's wife in the 1840 census record of Union Township, Washington County, Missouri, where, however, her husband's name is listed as Anderson Dering, undoubtedly one of the frequent typographical errors to be found in the census records of that period. Addison Dearing married (second), July 24, 1845, Rebecca Whaley, the marriage being performed by Archer Cheatham, Justice of the Peace, and being recorded likewise at the County Court House at Potosi, Missouri. The exact number of Addison Dearing's children has not yet been determined. The following list of them has been compiled from the census records of Union Township, Washington County, Missouri, for 1850 and 1860. It probably contains some errors in respect to given names, due to faulty census listing, but seems to indicate that the first seven children were by the first marriage and the others by the second.

Children:

1. William.
2. *Isaiah*, of whom further.
3. Sally or Sarah.
4. Henry or Richard H.
5. Robert.
6. Elizabeth.
7. Jane or Lucinda Jane.
8. Emily.
9. Benjamin.
10. Addison.
11. Samantha.
12. John.
13. William (again).
14. Willis.

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15. Margaret.
16. Permelia.
17. Matilda, born after her father's death, now Mrs. Evans of De Soto, Missouri, and still living in May, 1937.

(Statement made in 1937 by William B. N. Williams, of near Scottsville, Missouri, signed by him and witnessed by Ona A. Willoughby and Mrs. Will Williams. *United States Census Records, Union Township, Washington County, Missouri*, 1840, unpagged; 1850, p. 196; 1860, p. 59. *Marriage Records*, Book A, p. 64; Book B, p. 12; at Washington County Court House, Potosi, Missouri. *Court Records*, File No. 402, at Washington County Court House, Potosi, Missouri. *History of Franklin, Jefferson, Washington, Crawford and Gasconade Counties, Missouri*, p. 981. Information supplied by Mrs. Matilda (Dearing) Evans of De Soto, Missouri and Judge E. M. Dearing of Potosi, Missouri.)

IV

ISAIAH DEARING, son of Addison and Elizabeth or Betsy (Preston) Dearing, was born in Missouri, probably in Union Township, Washington County, about 1833. According to family tradition he died of measles during the Civil War. His family was never able to find out where he was buried.

In the *United States Census Records, Union Township, Washington County, Missouri*, for 1860, he is listed as follows:

Isiah Dearing, miner, aged 27, born Mo.	
Sarah " " 27, " " (no family)	

He was living in Washington County, Missouri, on February 16, 1862, when he and his wife signed a deed for a tract of land in Washington County.



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At that time, as well as in an earlier deed, dated February 4, 1862, he signed his name as Isaiah Dearing.

According to a statement, made in December, 1936, by Isaiah Dearing's youngest half-sister, Mrs. Matilda (Dearing) Evans, of De Soto, Missouri, he served in the Civil War, a picture, showing him in Civil War uniform, having formerly been in the possession of Mrs. Evans.

Isaiah Dearing married, in Jefferson County, Missouri, September 29, 1859, Saryan or Sarah Ann Sanders, the marriage being performed by Sullivan Frazier. She died in January, 1890. After her husband's early death, Mrs. Dearing married (second) a Mr. Pratt; (third) a Mr. Libby.

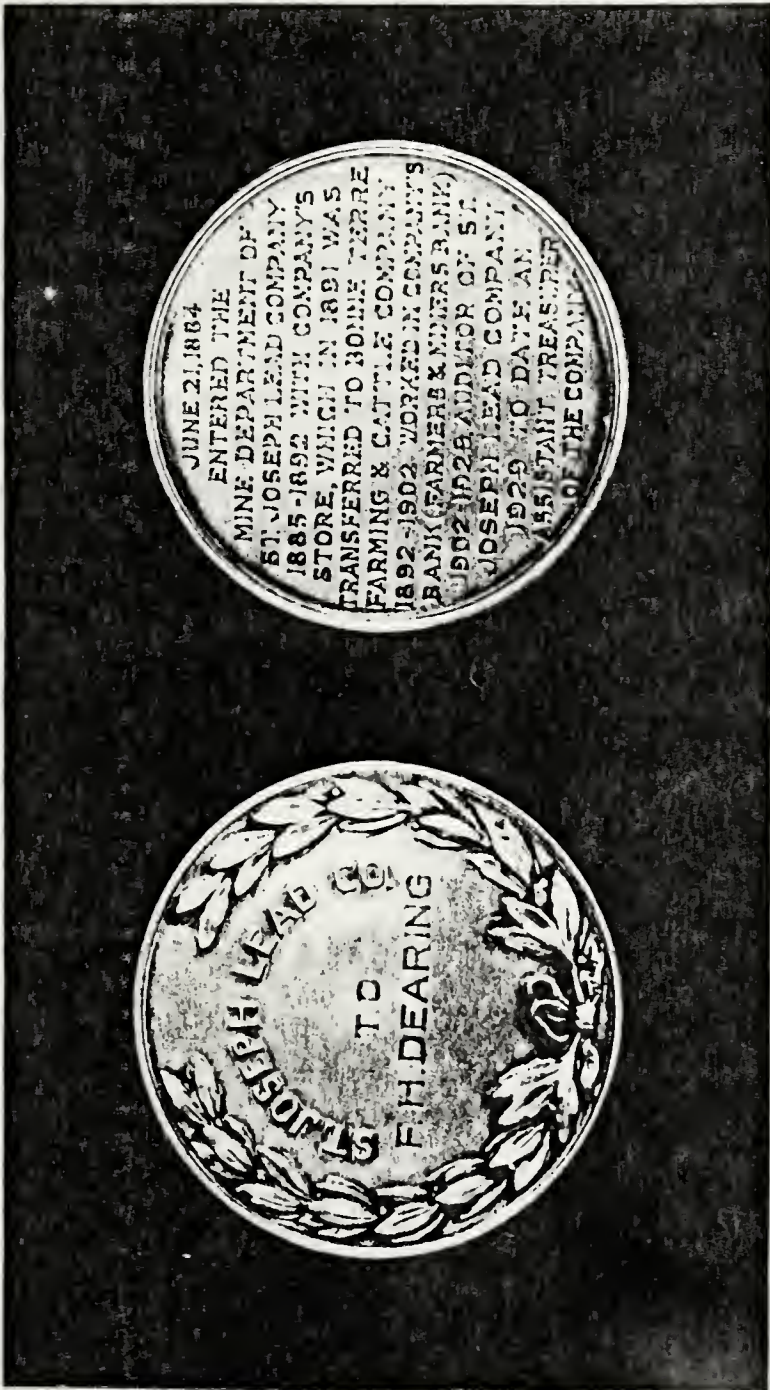
Children of Isaiah and Saryan or Sarah Ann (Sanders) Dearing:

1. *Falkland H.*, of whom further.
2. Henry, born in Washington County, Missouri, in 1861, died in 1862.

(*United States Census Records, Union Township, Washington County, Missouri*, 1850, p. 196; 1860, p. 80. *Washington County, Missouri, Deeds*, Book L, p. 2; Book M, p. 74; at Washington County Court House, Potosi, Missouri. *Jefferson County, Missouri, Marriage Records*, compiled by the King Trace Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Hillsboro, Missouri, in the D. A. R. State Library at the State Historical Library of Missouri. Information supplied by Mrs. Matilda (Dearing) Evans of De Soto, Missouri, and Judge E. M. Dearing of Potosi, Missouri. Records in possession of descendants of the family.)

V

FALKLAND H. DEARING, son of Isaiah and Saryan or Sarah Ann (Sanders) Dearing, was born in Washington County, Missouri, September 25,



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OBVERSE AND REVERSE OF 50 YEARS SERVICE MEDAL PRESENTED
TO MR. DEARING BY THE ST. JOSEPH LEAD CO.

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1860, and died at Los Angeles, California, April 10, 1936. He was buried in the Bonne Terre, Missouri, Cemetery.

Mr. Dearing came to Bonne Terre, Missouri, early in life and continued to be a resident of this town until his death. As a young man of twenty-three years he entered the employ of the St. Joseph Lead Company, with which he continued to be connected until his passing, a period of almost fifty-three years. He thus became, in point of length of service, one of the oldest employees and officials of this company, while his devotion to its interests and his many fine qualities of the mind and the heart also made him one of the most popular and most highly regarded members of the company's personnel. He served as assistant treasurer of the St. Joseph Lead Company and as secretary and treasurer of the Doe Run Lead Company until its dissolution, after which he became one of the latter company's trustees. He was also an officer and director of several of the subsidiary companies of the St. Joseph Lead Company, and his executive ability made him one of the most valuable officials of this enterprise. Shortly before his death Mr. Dearing received the company's gold medal, which is presented by the company to employees who have completed fifty years' service. At that occasion he was also the recipient of the following letter, dated February 28, 1936, at the company's main offices, No. 250 Park Avenue, New York City:

DEAR MR. DEARING:

It gives me great pleasure to send to you the St. Joseph Lead Company Gold Medal, awarded to you as of June 21, 1934, for fifty years of faithful service with the Company.

Sincerely yours,

CLINTON H. CRANE,
President.



RESIDENCE OF F. H. DEARING
BONNE TERRE, MO.

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During his long residence at Bonne Terre, Missouri, Mr. Dearing took a prominent part in local affairs and became one of the outstanding civic leaders of the town. He was the author of *A Historical Sketch of Bonne Terre* (27 pages), published by him at Bonne Terre, Missouri, September 1, 1933. This pamphlet gives many interesting facts about the growth and development of the town which is in the lead mining district of St. Francois County. One of the earliest records mentioned is that of the post office called "Bontear," which was established May 13, 1868. The town was laid out on land owned by the St. Joseph Lead Company, and its development has paralleled that of lead mining. Names of pioneer citizens and accounts of their work are given, as are also sketches of public institutions and buildings.

Mr. Dearing served as school director and as president of the Bonne Terre Memorial Library, and also supported many other movements and undertakings aiming at the advancement of the town's prosperity and welfare. His interest in his home community and in educational and benevolent work found expression also in his last will and testament, which provided that certain local institutions were to receive various sums and that after the death of Mrs. Dearing his entire estate is to be divided amongst five benevolent and educational institutions, the Children's Home Society of Missouri at St. Louis, Missouri, the Presbyterian Orphanage at Farmington, Missouri, the Parkville College at Parkville, Missouri, the Central College at Fayette, Missouri, and the Methodist Home at St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Dearing's religious affiliation was with the Methodist Episcopal church, and for many years he was an active worker in the Bonne Terre Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church.



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Mr. Dearing's death, though it occurred at the advanced age of seventy-six years, was a cause of wide and sincere regret and brought to his widow many expressions of sympathy and of appreciation of her late husband's character and achievements. Typical of these was the following set of resolutions, adopted unanimously by the board of trustees of the St. Joseph Lead Company at a meeting held May 25, 1936, and expressing the sorrow of his associates at Mr. Dearing's death and their appreciation of his long services to the company and the community:

Resolved, That it is with extreme sorrow that the Board of Trustees record in the minutes of this meeting the death of Mr. F. H. Dearing, Assistant Treasurer of the Company.

Mr. Dearing entered the mine department of the St. Joseph Lead Company on June 21, 1884. For over fifty years he had devoted his time and efforts unselfishly to the interests of the Company and the community and was the recipient of the St. Joseph Lead Company Gold Service Medal. Mr. Dearing has occupied the position of Secretary of the Doe-Run Lead Company, Auditor of the St. Joseph Lead Company and up to the time of his death was Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Dearing's faithful service to the interests of the Company extended to all the activities in which the Company was interested. His untiring devotion to the Bonne Terre Hospital, Bonne Terre Library and the Methodist Church and other community interests will not soon be forgotten. His faith in the Company was unbounded as evidenced by his large stock holdings. His modest kindness will long be remembered by all his many friends and associates.

The Company and the community have lost one of their most outstanding citizens and the sympathy of this Board is hereby extended to his devoted wife, Mrs. F. H. Dearing.

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Falkland H. Dearing married, February 20, 1890, Ada M. Fergusson, who was born at Bonne Terre, St. Francois County, Missouri, a daughter of Joseph Sidneyham and Mary (Christopher) Fergusson, her father being a native of Richmond, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Dearing had no children.

(Family records.)



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At a Meeting of the
Trustees
of the

**St. Joseph
Lead Company**

held

May twenty-fifth,
nineteen hundred
and thirty-six, the
following

Resolution

was unanimously

 adopted: 

Resolved,

that it is with extreme sorrow that the Board of Trustees record in the minutes of this meeting the death of

Mr. H. B. Dearing

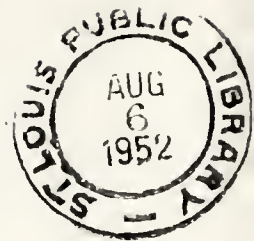
Assistant Treasurer
□ of the Company. □
Mr. Dearing entered the mine department of the St. Joseph Lead Company on June 21,

1884. For over fifty years he had devoted his time and efforts unselfishly to the interests of the Company and the Community, and was the recipient of the St. Joseph Lead Company gold service medal.

Mr. Dearing has occupied the position of Secretary of The Doe Run Lead Company, Auditor of the St. Joseph Lead Company, and up to the time of his

death was Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Dearing's faithful service to the interests of the Company extended to all the activities in which the Company was interested. His untiring devotion to the Bonne Terre Hospital, Bonne Terre Library, and the Methodist Church, and other community interests, will not soon be forgotten. His faith in the Com-



pany was unbounded as evidenced by his large stock holdings. His modest kindness will long be remembered by all, his many friends and associates.

The Company and the Community has lost one of its most outstanding citizens, and the sympathy of this Board is hereby extended to his devoted wife, Mrs. F. H. Dearing.

Clair W. Thane
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